

August 1, 2024

Dear Fifth-Grade Students and Families:

We are very excited about the upcoming school year and the opportunity to meet and work with you/your student! Fifth grade is an exciting year filled with new opportunities and responsibilities that allow students to become more independent. The fifth graders will be grouped into two mini-teams. They will have one teacher for Humanities (English and Social Studies) and one teacher for STEM (math and science). Each student will also be part of a Crew, a “home base” of sorts, where each student will be an active participant and contributor to the learning community.

For students to be prepared for the upcoming school year, we ask that students have the following supplies:

Yellow Team (Aberdale, Beling, or Smith Crew)	Purple Team (Fisher or Sparks Crew)
<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>★ 1 pair of earbuds/headphones that can be plugged into a Chromebook (no Bluetooth!) <u>to be kept at school</u></li><li>★ A folder for CREW</li><li>★ Pencils/erasers—(<u>NO</u> mechanical pencils!)</li><li>★ Colored Pencils</li><li>★ Sneakers for PE class</li></ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>★ 2 pairs of earbuds that can be plugged into a Chromebook (no Bluetooth!) <u>to be kept at school</u></li><li>★ A folder for Crew</li><li>★ A folder for Writing</li><li>★ Pencils/erasers—(<u>NO</u> mechanical pencils!)</li><li>★ Sneakers for PE class</li></ul>

**Optional Supplies/Classroom Donations:**

- **Spill-proof water bottle with cap**
- Canisters of disinfectant wipes
- Tissues (soft for noses!)
- Additional pencils and erasers are always appreciated!
- A pair of earbuds to donate to the classroom for a student without a pair
- Any quick snacks: Granola bars, fruit snacks, etc. for hungry students

In addition to the above supplies, please have your child come to school every day with an independent reading book. Reading often and from different kinds of books has many benefits. It is the best way to improve vocabulary, comprehension, and fluency which helps students become better writers and all-around stronger students. Students will often have opportunities to read at various points throughout the day. Therefore, it is essential for them to have their independent reading books with them every day.

We look forward to an exciting and successful fifth-grade school year. Enjoy the rest of your summer vacation and we will see you on August 28th!

Sincerely,

Mrs. Aberdale, Mr. Beling, Mrs. Fisher, Ms. Smith, & Mrs. Sparks